

REMARKS

Applicants and the undersigned are most grateful for the time and effort accorded the instant application by the Examiner. Claims 1-9, 19 and 21-25 were pending in the instant application at the time of the outstanding Office Action. All claims stand rejected. The Office is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections present in the outstanding Office Action in light of the forgoing amendments and the following remarks.

It should be noted that Applicants are not conceding in this application the claims amended and cancelled herein are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications. Applicants specifically state no amendment to or cancellation of any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended or cancelled claim.

Rejections under 35 USC § 103

All claims stand rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being unpatentable over Vegas (Vegas 2.0 Users Manual, 2000, Sonic Foundry, pgs 1-4111) (hereinafter “Vegas”) in view of Gupta (U.S. 7,111,099, hereinafter “Gupta”). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

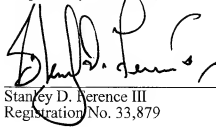
Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are distinguishable from Vegas and Gupta. Applicants again respectfully submit that Vegas is not even directed to annotation or labeling generally, but rather is directed to editing. Applicants respectfully submit that nothing in Gupta accounts for the deficiencies of Vegas. Nonetheless, Applicants have cancelled claims 22-25 herein solely in an effort to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this case.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view Vegas and Gupta.

Conclusion

In summary, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is presently in condition for allowance. Notice to the effect is hereby earnestly solicited. If there are any further issues in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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